

February 26th 2019

MORNING PRAYER



Our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her".



LET US CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

GOD WANTS US TO EMBRACE THE WORLD AND ALL IN IT WITH HIS LOVE

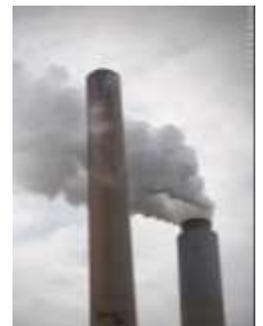
1. Think of Future Generations

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"



2. Embrace alternative energy sources

"We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels – especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas – needs to be progressively replaced without delay."



3. Consider Pollution's Effect on the Poor

"Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of poor and the earth"



4. Take the Bus



"Many specialists agree on the need to give priority to public transportation."

5. Be Humble

“We are not God.
The earth was here
before us and it has
been given to us”



7. Don't trade online relationships for real ones



“Real relationships ... now
tend to be replaced by a
type of internet
communication which
enables us to choose or
eliminate relationships at
whim.”

9. Educate yourself

“There is a nobility in the
duty to care for creation
through little daily actions,
and it is wonderful how
education can bring about
real changes in lifestyle.”



6. Don't become a slave to your phone

“True wisdom... is not
acquired by a mere
accumulation of data
which eventually leads to
overload and confusion, a
sort of mental pollution.”



8. Turn off the lights, recycle and don't waste food

“Environmental responsibility can
significantly affect the world
around us, such as avoiding the
use of plastic and paper, reducing
water consumption, separating
refuse, cooking only what can
reasonably be consumed ...
planting trees, turning off
unnecessary lights.”



10. Believe you can make a difference

“We must regain the
conviction that we need one
another, that we have a
shared responsibility for
others and the world, and
that being good and decent
are worth it.”



IN THE SPIRIT OF RAPHAELA AND OF ST FRANCIS LET US PRAY



Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth,

for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light,

help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,

for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Praise be to you!

Amen.

